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To Whom it may concern:

When one hears politicians speak of 'public interest' one wonders whether or not we are speaking of the same 'public.' It seems that some regard the only public as those who reside in the government supplied housing within the beltways. Another view is that the 'interest' means the money paid on principal...or in the case of many in Congress, the money paid for 'principle.'

Regardless, the continued barrage of litigation directed toward Microsoft is an affront to me and anyone who has really thought this issue through. Microsoft has done more to propel the economy of the USA than any company in history. The fact that Mr. Gate, et al, have built a better mousetrap and that the PEOPLE of the USA buy their product as opposed to other products, is part of what we like to think is the 'Free Enterprise System.'

Please stop spending our tax dollars on a process penalizing a company for excellence and achievement. By the way, I don't own any stock in Microsoft, I am not employed by Microsoft, nor have I ever received any monetary benefit from Microsoft. But like millions of people Worldwide, I have benefited from their products immeasurably and I am grateful for their continued dedication on the cutting edge of our collective futures. Keep up the great work Microsoft.

Respectfully

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